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SB 394

Dear State Administration Committee:

The Montana American Indian Caucus of the 61st Legislative Session respectfully opposes SB 394.

This bill expands types of elections that may be conducted by mail ballot election. The mail ballot has unintended consequences that may decrease American Indian voter turnout. Many of our fellow brothers and sisters don't own homes and live from one place to the next, which would cause hardship of locating their ballot. This is just one reason of many why we oppose this bill.

We have strived to have a positive impact in our elections and we ask you not to support this bill.

Respectfully,

Tony Belcourt, Chairman
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